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[origin: EP0388987A1] The invention provides an improved method of heating a glass plate for bending the glass plate into a predetermined shape having a radius of curvature not greater than 3000 mm, and not greater than 2000 mm if the glass plate is thinner than 6 mm. The glass plate is heated in its entirety in a usual manner, and during the heating at least one end region of the glass plate is additionally heated by forced convection such that the heat transfer coefficient on at least one major surface of the glass plate in the end region(s) becomes greater than in the remaining region by 5-50 kcal/m² h DEG C in bending a glass plate thinner than 6 mm and by 10-65 kcal/m² h DEG C in bending a thicker glass plate. The additional heating has the effect of preventing optical distortion of the bent glass plate in end regions by diminishing local and irregular concavities.

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